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938-900 S. Charles St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1840-1850/1870's

With the exception of the large, early twentieth century department store occupying the north-west corner of Charles and Hamburg Streets (930-938 S. Charles St.), the houses located along this side of the 900 block of S. Charles St. are all three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, except for 900 S. Charles St., which has a gable roof, and 902 S. Charles St. which is three stories plus an attic story in height, with a gable roof. All of the houses are two bays wide, except for 912 and 900 S. Charles St., which are three bays wide. The houses were originally built in the 1840's with gable roofs but were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style with shed roof and bracketed cornices. Most of the houses have always served a mixed commercial/residential function, with the first floor area serving as a storefront and the upper floors serving as a residence. The group of houses extending from 914 to 922 S. Charles St. are currently in a state of some deterioration.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

B-3208
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

914 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and modillion cornice originally had a gable roof and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. The first floor has been converted into a shop-front.

The house is three stories in height, 20' wide, and occupies a lot 69' deep. The house occupies the south-west corner of Charles and Wheeling Streets and extends back along Wheeling St. for four bays. Then there is a three story high, five bay deep rear addition, making a total of nine bays along Wheeling St. St. 9. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by an Italianate style cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of heavy, carved modillions set above a deep, wooden freize decorated with molding strips. There are no end brackets, but the cornice does extend around the corner onto the Wheeling St. facade of the building. Both a single and a double rectangular chimney are located along the north side of the house.

The second floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums; the third floor openings have no lintels. The sills are wood. All of the window openings have 1/1 sash. The first floor store-front is similar in design to that of the adjoining house at 916 S. Charles St., with a recessed, late Victorian glass and panel door beneath a single light transom set to the right of a three-sided projecting shop window, consisting of plate glass panels set on a concrete base. The entire store-front area is surmounted by a cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set over a row of dentils and a plain, deep wooden freize.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1843-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Francis Dawes, Jr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a fairly large number of houses that were originally built in the 1840's and 1850's as gable-roofed houses in the area immediately surrounding the Cross St. Market to serve as combination residential/commercial structures, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the gable roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern bracketed cornice added. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the two floors above.

The house was built by Francis Dawes, Jr. who operated a grocery store and tea dealership at this location in the late 1840's. The lot was sold to Dawes by Julianna Williamson DeWitt, a member of the family of David Williamson who in the late eighteenth century acquired several blocks of property in Federal Hill.¹ The DeWitts sold all of the lots bounding on the west side of Charles St. from Wheeling St. to Hamburg St. in the early 1840's to individual owners, who then constructed the houses on them. The second owner of the house, a John Crangle, operated a grocery and liquor store at this location from 1852 until the 1860's when he sold the property to Gotthardt Treff, who continued to operate a grocery store here in the late 1860's and 1870's.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 330, Folio 300; ED 20, Folio 363; Baltimore City Directory, 1849-50

²B.C.D., 1855-56, 1871

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BYNAME/TITLE
M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites SurveyorORGANIZATION
Maryland Historic Trust / Struever Bros. & EcclesDATE
4/79STREET & NUMBER
1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
RuxtonSTATE
Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY:

Address of property: Street 914 SOUTH CHARLES STREET
City BALTIMORE County _____ State MARYLAND Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located FEDERAL HILL

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

3 STOREY, 3 BAY BRICK BUILDING W/ STOREFRONT FIRST FLOOR
BRACKETED WOOD CORNICE AT ROOFLINE. 8 BAY SIDE WALL
ON WHEELING ST.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

Date of construction (if known): _____ ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Robert H. Seif Pres SHOFER'S FURNITURE CO. INC.
Street 930 S. CHARLES ST.
City BALTO State MD Zip Code 21230
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code _____

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature Robert H. Seif Date _____

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☐ contributes ☒ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of the district.Signature [Signature] Date 4-2-81
State Historic Preservation Officer

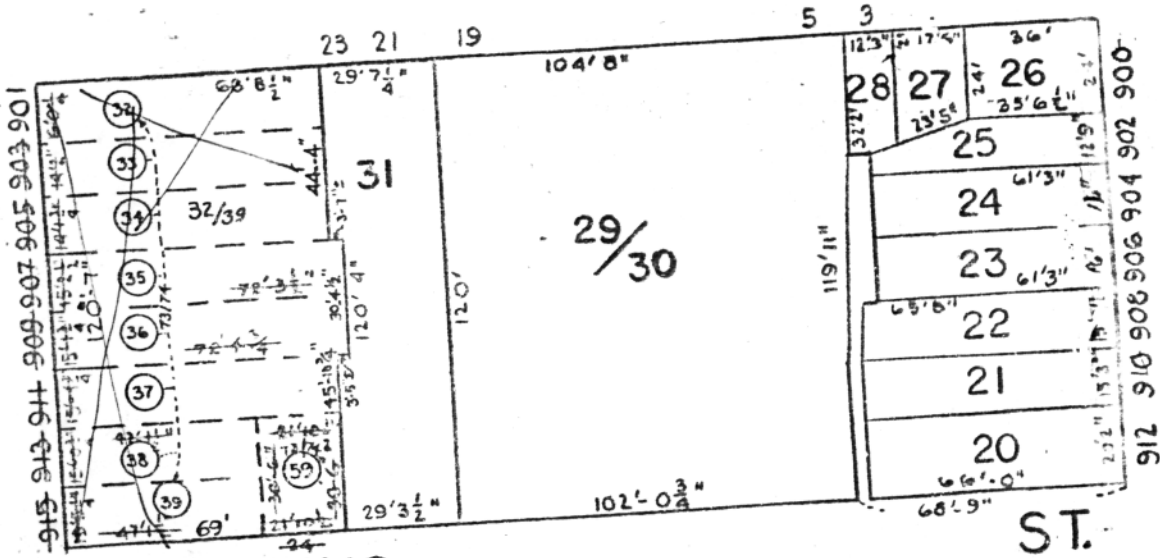
This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheetSignature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

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W. HENRIETTA

ST.

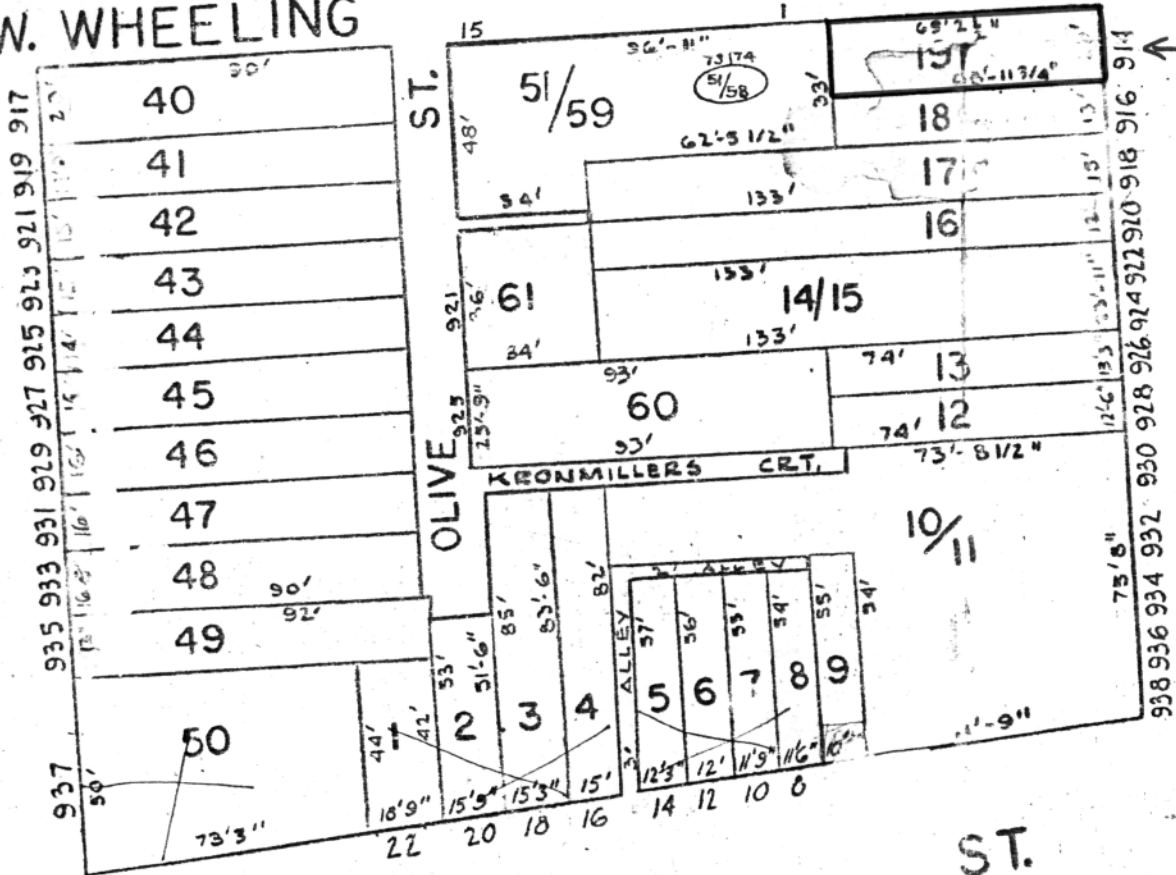


ST.

W. WHEELING

ST.

S. HANOVER



B-3208

S. CHARLES

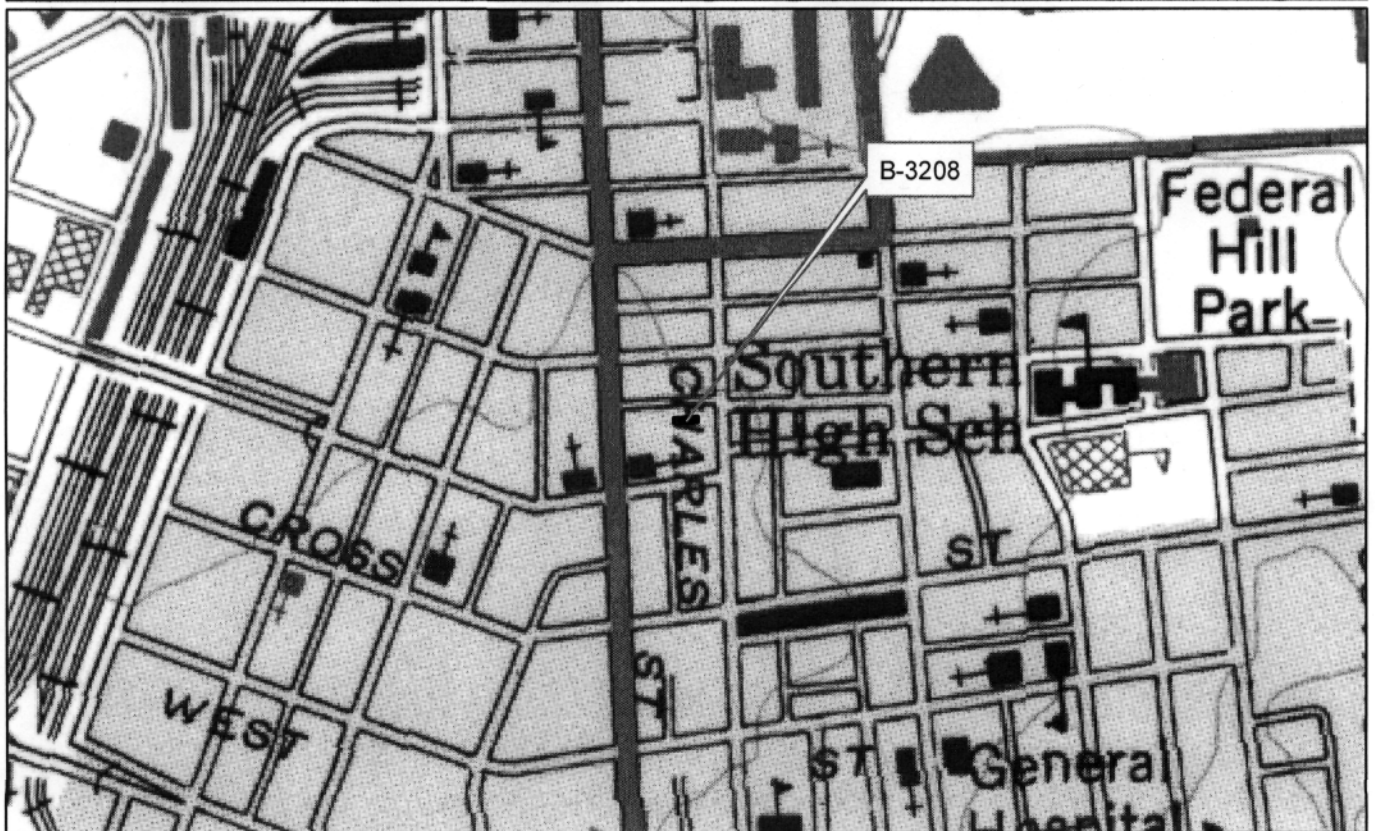
W. HAMBURG

ST.

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B-3208
914 S. Charles Street
Block 0917 Lot N/A
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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914 S. Charles St.

-M.E.H.

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East elevation